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### **Lesson 9 Vocabulary Words**

Directions: Write a sentence for each word.

1. exalt
2. exhort
3. garrulous
4. gist
5. histrionic
6. laconic
7. peremptory
8. polemic
9. vivacious
10. vociferous

## WRITE THE CORRECT WORD

Write the correct word in the space next to each definition.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| _____ 1. to urge strongly         | _____ 6. wordy and rambling        |
| _____ 2. lively                   | _____ 7. excessively dramatic      |
| _____ 3. using few words          | _____ 8. to glorify or praise      |
| _____ 4. the essence              | _____ 9. offensively self-assured  |
| _____ 5. a controversial argument | _____ 10. marked by noisy outcries |

## COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Write the letter for the word that best completes each sentence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I was amazed when he stated the \_\_\_\_\_ of my long argument in a few well-chosen words.  
a. histrionics      b. exaltation      c. vivacity      d. gist
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the student musical production lifted the spirits of the audience.  
a. vivacity      b. garrulousness      c. vociferousness      d. polemics
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. "Stop crying," said Dad, "\_\_\_\_\_ won't convince me to let you attend the party."  
a. exaltation      b. vivacity      c. histrionics      d. polemics
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. At the award ceremony, the well-respected actor's achievements were \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. exalted      b. polemicized      c. garrulous      d. exhorted
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ protests disrupted the calm of the committee meeting.  
a. Exalted      b. Vociferous      c. Laconic      d. Vivacious
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. My \_\_\_\_\_ grandfather talked very little, but each word counted.  
a. histrionic      b. laconic      c. peremptory      d. garrulous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The challenger launched into yet another \_\_\_\_\_ attacking the mayor's school policies.  
a. gist      b. vivacity      c. polemic      d. vociferousness
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. No matter how hard we tried, we couldn't get our \_\_\_\_\_ friend to stop talking.  
a. peremptory      b. exhorted      c. laconic      d. garrulous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Defense lawyers made a \_\_\_\_\_ challenge to the prospective juror.  
a. vivacious      b. laconic      c. peremptory      d. vociferous
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The animal-rights activist \_\_\_\_\_ her audience to protest the inhumane treatment of stray cats.  
a. exhorted      b. histrionical      c. polemicized      d. exalted

**Challenge:** After three hours of listening to one \_\_\_\_\_ presenter, the audience members were relieved when the next speaker gave the \_\_\_\_\_ of his argument and sat down.  
a. histrionic...polemic      b. vivacious...peremptory      c. garrulous...gist

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The party leader was seen in the conference room, \_\_\_\_\_ wavering party members to vote for the bill. (*exhort*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the impassioned speech was difficult to extract from the flowery verbiage. (*gist*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument startled the audience. (*vociferous*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Jean's communication at family get-togethers usually consists of a few gestures and grunts, and an occasional \_\_\_\_\_ phrase. (*laconic*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The graduate student found the \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere at the theoretical physics symposium challenging and invigorating. (*exalt*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Although the radio broadcast conveyed her message, it couldn't capture the \_\_\_\_\_ of her gestures and expressions. (*vivacious*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Given to \_\_\_\_\_, the five-year-old screamed and cried when she didn't get her way. (*histrionic*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The president issued a \_\_\_\_\_ decree offering immediate asylum to the endangered foreign nationals. (*peremptory*)

## FIND THE EXAMPLE

Choose the answer that best describes the action or situation.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The most likely subject for a *vociferous* argument
  - a. current politics
  - b. pastel colors
  - c. early literature
  - d. favorite food
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Something that has a *gist*
  - a. nothingness
  - b. complex idea
  - c. part of body
  - d. sum of money
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Someone likely to be *exalted*
  - a. school bully
  - b. average person
  - c. famous artist
  - d. convicted criminal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The most *laconic* response
  - a. Well, certainly.
  - b. No, thank you.
  - c. Yes indeed.
  - d. Yep.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The purpose of a *peremptory* action on an issue
  - a. extend the issue
  - b. open it to debate
  - c. close the issue
  - d. consider alternatives
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Something an English teacher would NOT be likely to *exhort* her students to do
  - a. read for fun
  - b. buy a new CD
  - c. write concisely
  - d. study for tests
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A feature of *garrulous* talk
  - a. triviality
  - b. essence
  - c. loudness
  - d. emotion
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. A likely descriptor of someone prone to *histrionics*
  - a. stern
  - b. emotional
  - c. reserved
  - d. accurate
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The most likely subject for a *polemic*
  - a. a video rental
  - b. a proposed policy
  - c. a brand of car
  - d. a classic novel
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. A person who is LEAST likely to be *vivacious* at work
  - a. salesperson
  - b. pop star
  - c. flight attendant
  - d. paramedic